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Skill Development Programmes

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details and key features of the Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY) being implemented by the Government for increasing rural employment through skill development alongwith the budgetary allocation for the same during each of the last three years and the current year, State/ UT-wise;

(b) whether the Government proposes to remove the 25% ceiling on expenditure allowed under the DDU-GKY, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the total number of rural youths benefited under this scheme since its inception, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether the Government has covered all villages in the country under this scheme, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor, State/UT-wise; and

(e) the action plan drawn by the Government to revamp rural skill development programmes by including more rural youths therein to promote Make in India campaign?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)

(a): Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY) is a placement linked skill development program for rural poor youth. DDU-GKY is undertaken as PPP Project through Private and Public organizations registered with Ministry of Rural Development. Important features of DDU-GKY, inter-alia, are as follows:

â€¢ Market-led, placement-linked training programme for rural youth.

â€¢ Mandatory assured placement to 75% of the trained candidates.

â€¢ Focus on rural youth from poor families in the age group of 15 to 35 years.

â€¢ Social inclusion of candidates through mandatory coverage of socially disadvantaged groups.

â€¢ Minimum Salary of Rs.6000 per month or minimum wages specified by a State Government, which ever is higher (after a three month training course).

â€¢ Post-placement support to candidates.

â€¢ Career progression support, Retention support and Foreign placement support provided for quality outcome.

â€¢ In allocation of skill projects, primacy given to Training Partners who can train and support overseas placement and captive placements.

The budgetary allocation during the last three years and the current year is given below:-

Year Budgetary Estimate Revised Estimate Funds utilized
(in Rs. crore) (in Rs. crore) (in Rs. crore)

2012-13 708.12 465.00 180.04

2013-14 1000.00 650.00 568.97

2014-15 728.00 571.49 568.63

2015-16

(Upto November, 2015) 540.00 - 458.48

Details of funds released, State-wise, during the last three years and the current year (upto November, 2015), is given at Annexure-I.

(b): Government has removed the ceiling of 25% of NRLM allocation for DDU-GKY vide its decision dated 2.12.2015. This will enable DDU-GKY to expand its focus, inter-alia, to cover training courses of longer duration for placements in foreign jobs, captive jobs, industry internships, training by accredited institutes and champion employers, and re-skilling/up-skilling of rural poor youth, including rural poor youth who have passed out from ITIs/Polytechnic Institutes.

(c): A total of 158017 candidates have been trained and 51836 candidates have been placed in DDU-GKY projects. Number of candidates benefited in this regard is given at Annexure-II.

(d): DDU-GKY is applicable for rural poor candidates in all villages in the country. DDU-GKY is a demand based program. Till 30th November, 2015, DDU-GKY is covering candidates from 546 Districts in 20 States.

(e): The skilling program for rural poor youth has been refocused and re-prioritized to build the capacity of rural poor youth to address the needs of domestic and global skill requirements in line with the Make in India campaign.
